AMENDMENT SUBMITTED WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION Address to: Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Attorney Docket	GUID-101CON4
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	First Named Inventor	Spence
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	Group Art Unit	3773
	Examiner Name	Ryckman, Melissa K.
	Title	Means and Method for Performing an Anastomosis

Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Final Office Action dated November 23, 2009 for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before February 23, 2010 and to the Advisory Action dated February 18, 2010 and in view of the telephone interview with Examiner Woo on March 5, 2010. This response is being filed together with a Request for Continued Examination and a petition for a one-month extension of time to extend the response period to March 23, 2010. In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.